



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gil M. Vardi et al.  
Title: Extendible Stent Apparatus and Method for Deploying the Same  
Appln. No.: 10/050,524  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 20, 2003 and remailed November 19, 2003, along with a one-month extension of time, applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as set forth below.

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